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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON VICTOR VAN HONSTE

REF: BRUSSELS 03775, STATE 080105, DEA 06631

1. NAME: VICTOR LUCIEN VAN HONSTE; BORN: ANTWERP, NOVEMBER 18, 1921; EDUCATION: LAW DEGREE, JULY 1944 WITH HIGH HONORS, ADMITTED TO ANTWERP BAR SEPTEMBER 1944.

2. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: FEBRUARY 1946 APPOINTED SUBSTITUTE TO KING'S ATTORNEY ATTACHED TO COUNRT OF ANTWERP, FEBRUARY 1954 PROMOTED TO FIRST SUBSTITUTE OF KING'S ATTORNEY, MARCH 1960 NAMED SUBSTITUTE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL AT COURT OF APPEALS OF BRUSSELS, NOVEMBER 1970 ELEVATED TO GENERVAL ADVOCATE AT COURT OF APPEALS OF BRUSSELS, JUNE 1973 NAMED TO PRESENT POST AS ATTORNEY GENERAL COURT OF APPEALS OF BRUSSELS. IN ADDITION, VAN HONSTE IS PROFESSOR AT L'HOGHER INSTITUTE OF HIGH ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMERCIAL SCIENCES. HIS PUBLICATIONS ARE: REFLECTIONS OF THE STRUGGLE AGAINST SERIOUS CRIME, 1972, THE CONCEPT OF WORK DISABILITY IN BELGIAN LAW, 1973 AND REPARATIONS OF THE STATE FOR DAMAGES INCURRED BY VICTIMS OF SOME VIOLATIONS, 1974. THESE ARE DISSERTATIONS WHICH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PREPARES ANNUALLY.

3. PERSONAL DATA: VAN HONSTE IS MARRIED. HIS WIFE WAS PRACTICING PHARMACIST UNTIL 1974. HE HAS TRAVELLED UNCLASSIFIED

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IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ONLY. HE SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH, AS DOES WIFE,

IN ADDITION TO DUTCH AND FRECH.

4. VAN HONSTE AS FORTH RANKING JUFICIAL OFFICIAL IN
BELGIUM AND 5TH RANKING PERSON IN MINISTRY OF JUSTICE,
DEFINITELY QUALIFIES FOR EXCEPTIONAL PER DIEM OF FORTY
DOLLARS FOR TWO-WEEK VISIT.

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